

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Final Office Action mailed March 3, 2010 and offer the following remarks to accompany the above amendments.

Claims 39-47, 49-53, and 55-59 were previously pending. Claims 1-38, 48, and 54 were previously cancelled. Applicants have amended claims 39, 49, and 55 and cancelled claims 44 and 53 as discussed below. No claims are added herein. Accordingly, claims 39-43, 45-47, 49-52, and 55-59 remain pending.

Applicants would like to thank the Patent Office for indicating that claims 44 and 53 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have amended claim 39 to include the subject matter of claim 44 and amended claim 49 to include the subject matter of claim 53. As such, claims 39 and 49 are allowable. Claims 40-43, 45-47, and 58 depend directly or indirectly from claim 39 and are therefore allowable by virtue of their dependency from claim 39 and any additional novel and non-obvious features recited therein. Claims 50-52 and 59 depend directly or indirectly from claim 49 and are therefore allowable by virtue of their dependency from claim 49 and any additional novel and non-obvious features recited therein.

Applicants have also amended claim 55 to include the allowable subject matter of claims 44 and 53. As such, claim 55 is also allowable. Claims 56 and 57 depend directly from claim 55 and are therefore allowable by virtue of their dependency from claim 55 and any additional novel and non-obvious features recited therein.

The present application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' representative regarding any remaining issues in an effort to expedite allowance and issuance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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